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1. An "inner cabinet" has been formed to coordinate measures for the protection of the DDR. Its chairman is Walter Ulbricht. The other members are: Willi Stoph, Minister of the Interior; Wilhelm Zaisser, Minister of State Security; Werner Eggerath, State Secretary for coordination and control; Attorney General Dr. Ernst Melsheimer. This group works directly under the Soviet Control Commission.
2. The first measure ordered by the inner cabinet was the subordination of the police (HVDVP) under Johannes Warnke, State Secretary in the Ministry of the Interior. Next was the recruitment of labor gangs to construct barriers along the zonal border.

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Comment: It is not clear whether the functions of the inner cabinet are mainly concerned with military defense or with counter-espionage.

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